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Corps sets meeting on Camp Hero ordnance removal

The public is invited to attend a meeting July 10 to learn about ordnance removal at the former Camp Hero in Montauk.

The session is being sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, which is in charge of the work.

The meeting will include the history of the project, results of past field investigations, and information about how ordnance found on the site will be identified and removed.

The former military base served as a fire control and anti-aircraft artillery station during the coastal defense era. It also was used for practice firing of coastal defense guns and artillery and as an ordnance facility by Army anti-aircraft units. The Federal Government gave the property to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Corps of Engineers and New York State are working together to ensure a safe park experience for area residents and visitors.

Constancio J. Labeste, project manager for the work, said it is unknown if ordnance remains on the site being studied. The site is in Montauk State Park, about a mile southwest of the lighthouse. Previous studies identified that area as most likely to contain ordnance from past training exercises.

The session will begin at 7 p.m. in the upstairs meeting facility in Montauk Downs State Park headquarters, 50 South Fairview Ave.

For more information about the meeting or Corps activities at the site, call Labeste at (212) 264-0255. His e-mail address is Constancio.J.Labeste@usace.army.mil.